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## Cal Poly Corporation Turns Trash into Treasure by Composting

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly Corporation entered into an agreement with Engel & Gray Inc. to compost thousands of pounds of post-consumer waste from Campus Dining operations into premium soil.

Biodegradable matter such as food remains will be composted rather than thrown away, diverting more than 300 tons of solid waste per year from entering local landfills. The program is one of several sustainability measures being developed by the Corporation.

“Cal Poly Corporation and the university are committed to developing innovative sustainability programs on campus,” says Bonnie Murphy, executive director of Cal Poly Corporation. “Composting is a way to demonstrate our environmental leadership and sustainable practices.”

The Corporation composting program is one of several environmental improvements happening at the university. Since 2006, Cal Poly established a number of indicators of campus environmental sustainability, which include energy usage, transportation, water resources, solid waste and recycling, land use and development, and greenhouse gas emissions.

### About Cal Poly Corporation

Cal Poly Corporation is the non-profit auxiliary organization to Cal Poly, providing self-supporting, innovative, and high-quality services to the university and assisting the institution in achieving its educational mission. For additional information, visit [www.calpolycorporation.org](http://www.calpolycorporation.org) or call 805-756-1451.

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